

**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 14, 15 and 17-19 are currently being prosecuted. Claims 1-13 and 16 have been cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the Amendments and Remarks set forth hereinbelow.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

The Office Action states claims 14, 15 and 17-19 are allowed. Further, the other claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, this application is in condition for allowance and the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections are moot.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the patents relied on by the Examiner, either alone or in combination.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone David A. Bilodeau at (703) 205-8072 in the Washington, D.C. area.

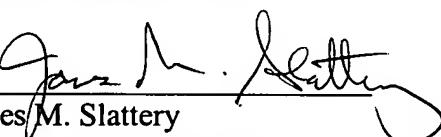
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly extension of time fees.

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